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Title: LACTOSE-FREE, NON-HYGROSCOPIC AND ANHYDROUS PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS OF DESCARBOETHOXYLORATADINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.121(a)

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this continuation application, please amend the priority application
as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, delete paragraph 1 (lines 3-6) and replace with:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial
Number 09/721,088, filed November 22, 2000 as a continuation of United States Patent
Application Serial Number 09/019,955, filed February 6, 1998 and claims priority from United
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filed April 30, 1997, and 60/037,325 filed February 7, 1997. The entire contents of each prior
application is incorporated herein by reference. --

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-40 and replace with claims 41-60 as shown in the following clean
version of pending claims.